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PRODUCTION OF JOWAR IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of Jowar in Karnataka during this season;

(b) the support price fixed by the Government for Jowar in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought higher support price per quintal for Jowar;

(d) if so, the support price recommended by the Karnataka Government; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): As per the latest information available, the total production of Jowar in Karnataka is estimated to be 1634 thousand tones during 2000-01.

(b) to (e): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Jowar for the 2001-02 has been fixed by the Government on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While finalizing its recommendations on price policy, the CACP takes into consideration several factors like cost of production, demand and supply, etc. The CACP had recommended the MSP of Jowar @Rs.485 per quintal, though the State Government of Karnataka suggested the MSP @ Rs.525 per quintal. After taking into account the recommendations made by CACP, the views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as other factors considered important for price fixation, the Government accepted the recommendations made by the CACP. The MSPs fixed by the Government are uniform throughout the country